

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-10 are canceled. Claim 11 was previously canceled. Claims 12-20 are added herein.

Since the final office action made no mention of the species election requirement nor of applicant's response thereto, applicant is operating under the assumption that the species election requirement of October 6, 2006, was withdrawn.

Claims 1-10 that were present have been canceled and new claims 12-20 are presented, incorporating claim 10 into claim 1 as new claim 12.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 12-20 are patentable over the combination of Miyachi et al (US 2003016390) in view of Uchiyama et al (US 6638582).

Considering claim 12, for example, it is recited that a stretched polymer film having said inverse chromatic dispersion is used as a substrate, and a polymerizable liquid crystal layer is coated and oriented on one surface of said substrate for polymerization, thereby forming said polymerizable liquid crystal layer having said normal chromatic dispersion into a coating layer. It is respectfully submitted that such is not taught or suggested by Miyachi et al or Uchiyama et al, whether considered alone or when combined.

Miyachi et al show "a TFT (Thin Film Transistor) substrate 11a".

Uchiyama et al show "6 is an electrode-attached glass substrate".

Absent teaching or suggestion of applicant's claims in the Miyachi et al or Uchiyama et al documents, it is respectfully submitted that claims 12-20 are allowable.

In light of the above noted amendments and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

It is believed that no further fees are due with this filing or that the required fees are being submitted herewith. However, if additional fees are required to keep the application pending, please charge deposit account 503036. If fee refund is owed, please refund to deposit account 503036.

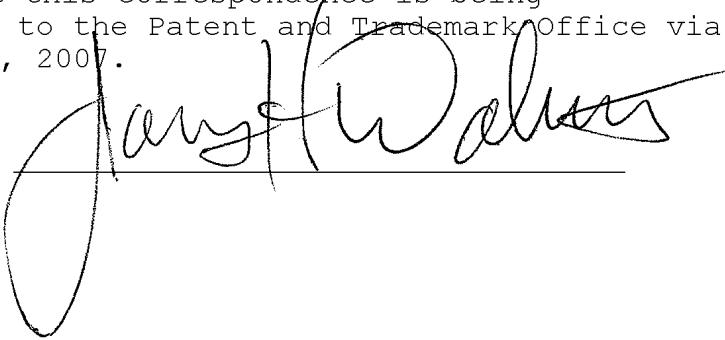
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